

**Amendments to the Abstract**

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure on page 47, beginning at line 3, with the following replacement Abstract of the Disclosure:

In order to manufacture the compound powder or the porous granulated substance in an efficient manner, a powder processing apparatus (100) has an accumulating face (3a) on which the processing target powder (50) is to be accumulated and a processing face (5a) disposed in opposition to the accumulating face (3a) and convexly curved, and a moving means (16) for moving the accumulating face (3a) and the processing face (5a) along the accumulating face (3a) relative to each other. The apparatus comprises an excitement treatment means (20) capable of applying an excitation energy to the processing target powder (50) accumulated on the accumulating face (3a) from an excitation energy supplying portion (5a) disposed in opposition to the accumulating face (3a) or an oscillation means (40) for oscillating the accumulating face (3a) or the processing face (5a) in a direction intersecting the accumulating face (3a).

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**REMARKS**

Amendments have been made to the specification in order to conform the application to standard United States patent practice.

Original claims 1-22 have been cancelled and rewritten as claims 23-43 in order to eliminate the multiple dependencies and to conform the claims to standard United States patent practice.

A copy of the amended Abstract of the Disclosure is attached hereto for insertion into the application.

Examination and allowance of pending claims 23-43 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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